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NATIONS START GAME OF BLUFF AT PORTSMOUTH.

Japanese Expected to Ask
What They Know Will
Never Be Conceded By
Czar's Representatives.

LATTER WILL TRY
TO MINIMIZE IT.

Peace Conference Opened
This Forenoon--Prospects
for Ultimate Peace Treaty
Declared to Be Bright.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 9.—Today the peace envoys of Russia and Japan began their great battle. On the one hand will be the Japanese effort to reap the benefit of the victories on land and sea and secure sufficient guarantees for the maintenance of peace in the future.

On the other hand Russia's endeavor will be to minimize the Japanese demand, making as good a bargain as possible.

Both sides are doing much bluffing. The Japanese, it is expected, will make demands far in excess of what they hope to obtain. Russia will be able to claim a victory in securing concessions from the original conditions.

There are prospects for a long conference and the ultimate treaty of peace is believed to be brighter.

The first meeting of the peace envoys has come to an end. Witte and Rosen left by automobile at noon. The Japanese have not yet returned.

The session began shortly after 10 o'clock this morning in the General Stores building of the navy yard. Arriving in automobiles, the envoys of Russia and Japan were escorted by Secretary Pierce to the rooms on the second floor, which had been prepared for them. Then the secretary announced that it was his pleasure as the government's representative to turn over the rooms for their use. He assured them of the deep interest the United States felt for the outcome of their labors. Then with a bow the secretary withdrew to rooms reserved for himself.

The envoys of the two warring nations were thus left face to face to settle down to business. In this simple, democratic way was inaugurated a conference which the civilized world hopes will stop the most stupendous and bloodiest war in history.

The Russians don't hesitate to reiterate that they will have no trouble in reaching an agreement, provided Japan's terms appear to them reasonable. "But," added a Russian last night, "Japan must remember that we have come to this conference because of a real desire for peace, and not because we are unwilling to continue the war indefinitely."

It is thought that it may be possible to exchange the fundamental basis on which the representatives of the two belligerent powers may be able to come to an understanding. It is only after an account on those fundamental bases that an armistice will be considered advantageously by both parties. On one point the Russian delegates are instructed not to yield—that regarding a war indemnity.

The second day's session, Thursday or Friday, is expected to be devoted either to a consideration of the Japanese peace terms, or to a proposition for an armistice by the Russian plenipotentiaries. It has been estimated that if a basis of negotiation for peace is found, the actual negotiations will consume something like five weeks' time before a treaty can be perfected and signed.

WHAT WAS DONE.

Unofficial Statement Concerning the Conference.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 9.—From a high but unofficial source it is learned that the first action taken by the envoys today was the presentation and reading of the president's identified note to Japan and Russia, advocating peace and urging the appointment of plenipotentiaries. This formed the basis for the conference.

The answer of the Japanese government which was an unqualified acceptance was read and made a part of the records. The acceptance of Russia was then read.

It is announced unofficially that immediately after adjournment the order of business was agreed upon. The language of the individual members, Rosen stated that if a treaty was agreed upon it would most likely be in French.

MAY ASTONISH WORLD.

Says Russian Officials of President Roosevelt.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—Officials connected with the foreign office are great-

ly impressed by a telegram received from London, which says: "President Roosevelt has other means to bring about peace, even failure of negotiations."

High officials commenting said: "A very clever, energetic statesman like Roosevelt may astonish the world."

TO ASSASSINATE CZAR.

Alleged Plot Said to Have Been Laid Bare.

Manchester, Eng., Aug. 9.—A dispatch says that special Russian police agents arrived in London last night to unearth a plot supposed to be on foot to assassinate the czar and Russia's grand dukes. The police agents are keeping a close watch of the movements of anarchists, who are expected to go to Boston to attend the congress of anarchists to be held there soon.

HE SHOT THE WOMAN.

George F. Morris of Laconia, N. H., Killed Mrs. Jennie Spaulding.

Lowell, Mass., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Jennie Spaulding of North Chelmsford, near this city, was shot and killed while waiting for a train in the Middlesex street station of the Boston & Maine railroad, here early last evening. George F. Morris, of Laconia, N. H., is under arrest charged with killing the woman.

Morris had been staying at Mrs. Spaulding's home recently, and the two had planned to go to Taunton last night. While waiting for the train, Morris and the woman went into a saloon within five minutes walk of the station and had a number of drinks. While they were seated at a table, two women, who were present, and who knew Morris, engaged in conversation with him, and the three began fooling. In a few minutes Morris and Mrs. Spaulding left the saloon and went to the railroad station. According to his story to the police, the woman upbraided him all the way for what she termed his "familiarity" with the two women in the saloon.

When the couple entered the station they were disputing loudly, but the discussion was abruptly terminated by Morris's drawing a five-chambered revolver, from which he fired four bullets at the woman's head. The woman fell and expired in a few minutes.

Morris snapped the weapon at his own head but as the revolver had contained only four cartridges, there was no discharge. When arrested, Morris told the police that he had shot the woman, and that on account of the liquor he had drank, he was not wholly responsible for the tragedy.

THIRTEEN BODIES ARE RECOVERED.

And There Are Yet Many Employees Not Accounted For In the Collapse of the Albany Building.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Thirteen dead bodies have been taken from the wrecked Myers department building. All the girls employed in the store have been accounted for except two. Forty of the sixty cash boys have reported but many other male employees are not yet accounted for. There are twenty-seven injured in the hospital, and the work of rescue is being rapidly pushed.

Manslaughter in the second degree will be the charge preferred against any person who has been criminally negligent connected with the disaster. No arrest will be made according to Mayor Gans until the investigation.

The names of some of those whose bodies have been recovered are: Michael Fitzgerald, age 40, married. Frank Leonard, age 15, cash boy. Miss Anna E. Whitebeck. Miss Minnie Bullard. Miss Alice L. Sharp.

DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE.

This Young Man Took a Can of Paris Green.

Pittsfield, N. H., Aug. 9.—Disappointment in love caused Plummer Battis, a farmhand, aged 19 years, to attempt suicide yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by taking the contents of a can of paris green.

Battis, who is employed on the farm of Amos Gray, about three and a half miles from town, after taking the poison, told Carroll George, a fellow employee, of what he had done and said he was going to walk down the road and die.

When Battis told George of what he had done the latter became frightened and hitched up a horse and started for the home of Fred Morrill, where he telephoned for Dr. Cummings. The latter gave instructions to George over the telephone to give Battis emetics until his arrival. George drove back to the farm, picking up Battis on the way. A stomach pump was used and at midnight it was stated that the young man would probably live.

JAPANESE STATEMENT.

Nothing of Serious Nature Taken Up Today.

Newcastle, N. H., Aug. 9.—After the return of the envoys, M. Sato, in behalf of the Japanese gave the following statement:

"Today's meeting was entirely for the purpose of settlement of the method of procedure. It was decided that the formal meeting will begin tomorrow at 9:30."

"No serious business was transacted at the forenoon session."

TWO BODIES ON PILOT.

Train Didn't Stop After Striking Men

UNTIL STATION REACHED

L. W. Weston and Son, Leslie, Killed Near Charlotte Yesterday Afternoon. Each Instantly Killed.

Charlotte, Aug. 9.—S. W. Weston of this village and his son, Leslie Weston, of New York, were struck by a south-bound train near this place late yesterday afternoon and were instantly killed. The horse which they were driving was also killed and the carriage was wrecked.

Either they did not hear or see the train approaching or else their horse became unmanageable and dashed upon the track just as the train reached the crossing. The horse was lifted in the air and thrown into a lot 50 feet away. The carriage was broken into splinters. Both men were hurled from their vehicle and landed on the cowcatcher of the engine. The train did not stop, but proceeded on its way to the Charlotte station, a quarter of a mile away with its mass of human bones on the cowcatcher. At Charlotte the bodies were taken from their position. The heads of both were badly battered and each had sustained a broken leg. They were dead and it is thought that they were dead when they landed on the cowcatcher.

A man named Benson says that he was driving behind the Westons and that they saw the train coming. They were whipping the horse in an effort to get across the track ahead of it. The team was struck squarely by the train and the men and seat were thrown squarely on the cowcatcher.

Mr. Weston, Sr., was 57 years of age and was foreman on the farm of A. D. Gibbs. His home is at Morrisville, N. Y. Last spring his wife died in Colchester. Mr. Weston has several relatives living in Colchester. He formerly lived on Church street in Burlington.

Leslie Weston was about 20 years of age and was in this village spending his vacation and his home is in New York city.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

Antrim, N. H. Man Was Arrested Last Night.

Antrim, N. H., Aug. 9.—Sensational developments followed the autopsy held yesterday by county authorities over the body of George Lee, whose corpse was found in a deserted house here on Sunday. Medical Referee James T. Greeley, who conducted the autopsy, would not make public the result of the medical investigation, but this much is known: Lee's death was not caused by suicide, neither was it the result of natural causes.

Sheriff Nathaniel Doane and a posse of deputy sheriffs and Detective Clifford B. Hildreth of Manchester at once went to work upon the case and before nightfall, one arrest was made.

Allen Knapp, an employee of the Melindy camp where Lee worked, is the man held to await a further investigation of the mysterious death. This ordinarily quiet little town is shocked with the excitement of Lee's strange death. From the first discovery of the man's body in the deserted farm house, formerly occupied by Charles Whitney, the conviction has settled on the townspeople that Lee was murdered. In no other way, as yet, can his death be accounted for.

SADIE MAC WON \$10,000.

Not Bothered at all in Getting the Empire State Purse.

Buffalo, Aug. 9.—If the light harness enthusiast who is reported to have offered \$20,000 for Sadie Mac the other day could have seen the Peter the Great State walk off with the \$10,000 Empire State purse for 2:10 trotters, feature of the grand circuit raced at Kelmworth Park yesterday afternoon he would probably raise his offer. The mare, always a \$50 to \$100 favorite in the pool, was not bothered in any of the three heats, finishing the last three lengths in front with Driver Stinson looking back with interest at the successful fight of Geers with Zephyr for second money. Miss Katherine Wilkes, the Galt, Ont., fancier, who owns the pretentious Crickstock stock farm of that place watched her great mare walk off with first money, lustily applauding each winning heat.

WANT RATES REDUCED.

New York's Royal Arcanum Delegates So Instructed.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 9.—The New York Royal Arcanum, at a special session here yesterday passed a resolution, instructing its 15 delegates to the meeting of the supreme council at Put-In-Bay, Ohio, on August 30, to east their ballots to rescind the action at Atlantic City in July, ordering the rates increased on October 1.

The resolution is practically the same as that passed by the councils of Massachusetts and other States.

CONDEMNED SEN. SLACK

For His Position on Weekly Payment Bill.

FEDERATION IS AT WORK

Members Busy All Forenoon Introducing Resolutions Which Will Be Taken Up Later In the Day.

The Vermont Branch, American Federation of Labor, convention which opened in this city yesterday morning got down to business promptly at 9 o'clock this morning, the session being called to order by President Blathrow. Nearly every delegate responded to his name at the roll call. The reports of the delegates, started yesterday, were resumed. Vice-President Alex Ironside of Barre read the report of progress made by the legislative committee at the last session of the legislature.

Secretary Smith of Rutland read a paper, recommending a state board to inspect factories, etc., and carry out the enforcement of the child labor law. Communications and bills were presented, also a letter from Vice-President John Lynch of Bellows Falls. The bills were read and referred to the executive committee.

Then followed the presentation of a long list of resolutions, three by C. C. Ramsdell of Barre.

Delegate Cobb of the laundry workers, Barre, against the employ of Chinese labor; also one on women promoting the use of the union label.

By C. J. Allen of Barre, on weekly payment bill, and condemning Senator Slack, who opposed the bill in the last legislature.

By Vice-President Ironside of Barre, for a clause to be inserted in the by-laws, providing for the payment of the expenses of the legislative committee.

On shorter work day. On a public ownership by United States of telegraph and telephone.

On International Peace Congress. By T. J. Foster, providing for resolution committee.

By P. F. McCarthy providing for better ventilation in stone sheds. For law licensing stationary engineers having charge of boilers of over ten-horse power.

By George M. Marston on union cigars and tobacco.

By P. F. McCarthy, from the Boot with union labels. Another on the same subject.

At this point a motion to adjourn was lost, and the convention turned to new business. Editor Smith of the Rutland Trades and Labor Council, publishers of the paper, asking for support and asking the State Branch for the privilege of printing the official report of the convention. A vote authorized the publishing of the notes in the Signal and that members be furnished with copies, the State Branch to provide the same at 2 cents per copy.

The Cereal Mills employees of Cincinnati presented a communication, endorsed by President Gompers, relating to boycotted cereals. The communication was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Adjournment was taken at 1:30. The convention was called to order this afternoon, at which session the resolutions introduced in the forenoon were taken up.

The afternoon session opened at 1:45. After the roll call, Mr. Breton announced the railroad arrangements for the return home. The convention voted to accept the invitation of the Central Labor Union for the excursion to the quarries tomorrow.

On invitation of the committee Governor Charles J. Bell arrived in town shortly before three o'clock this afternoon to address the convention.

Committees of Convention.

At the business session of the Vermont Branch of the American Federation of Labor, yesterday afternoon, President Blathrow appointed the following committees:

Grievance committee: N. A. Malmgren of Rutland, M. P. Promis of Rutland, James Cruickshank of Barre, C. D. Wells of Montpelier, T. L. Hawley of Burlington.

Transportation: Timothy Ivers of Granitville, R. E. Gravel of Rutland, John Cayhuc of Montpelier, John F. Sadlier of Barre, E. W. Burnette of Bellows Falls.

Constitution, By-Laws and Resolutions: J. E. Stafford of Rutland, Thomas Haverly of Bellows Falls, E. M. Mined of Montpelier, G. G. Munson of Burlington, P. J. McCarthy of Barre.

Organizing committee: Alex Ironside of Barre, James Bracey of Northfield, D. A. Bruten of Rutland, C. D. Wells of Montpelier, Thomas Haverly of Bellows Falls.

Legislative committee: P. J. McCarthy of Barre, John F. Sadlier of Barre, George Lannier of Rutland, P. J. Foster of Rutland, P. C. Pecos of Montpelier.

At the session held last night the convention was addressed by Francis J. Clark of Brockton, president of the Massachusetts State Branch and by Philip J. Byrne, representing the Boot and Shoe Workers' union of Boston, Mass.

REDEDICATION OF CHURCH.

Williamstown Congregational Edifice To Be Reconsecrated.

Williamstown, Aug. 9.—Williamstown will welcome a large number of visitors tomorrow when the Congregational church will be re-dedicated with appropriate exercises. Of the former pastors of the church the Revs. Perrin, Demeritt and Schofield will be present. The Revs. Womer, Barnard and Miller cannot be present, but they have sent letters to be read. Dr. Hazen, recently of Northfield, has also sent a communication.

The programme includes the following:

10:45, Devotional service.
11:00, Address of welcome, Rev. D. H. Strong, Pastor.
Response, Rev. J. Newton Perrin.
Trio, "Vesper Bells," Bishop.
Brief Addresses.
Solo, "Redeemer of the World."
Letters and Greetings.
Anthem, "Pilgrims of the Night."
12:00, Dinner and Social Hour.
1:45, Anthem, "Send Out Thy Light."
Invocation.
Scripture, I Kings, 8:10-30.
Hymn 304, "The Church's one Foundation."
Prayer of Dedication, Rev. C. H. Merrill, D. D.
Musical Selection.
Historical Paper, G. A. Ainsworth.
Anthem, "Jubilate Deo," D. D. Buck.
Sermon, Rev. Lucius F. Reed.
Closing Prayer.
Hymn 298, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."
Benediction.

GOT A BAD SHOCK.

Montpelier Boy Was Tumbled Out of a Tree Also.

George Murtagh, the seven year old son of Owen Murtagh of Montpelier, is fortunate to be alive today. Last evening he with another lad climbed a tree through which a wire was suspended. The little fellow got ten feet up from the ground and grasped the wire, just being able to get his little finger on it. He got a terrific shock and was tumbled to the ground. He was picked up and carried to his home, and a physician summoned. The little finger was burned nearly to the bone. Had he got a firm grasp on the wire he undoubtedly would have been killed.

He suffered no injury from the fall.

GIRL DIES OF LOCKJAW.

Eva Cook of Pawlet Got a Silver In Her Foot Which Caused Her Death.

Bennington, Aug. 9.—Miss Eva Cook of Pawlet, youngest daughter of Mrs. Phoebe Cook, is dead as a result of sticking a silver in her foot over a week ago. The girl thought nothing of the fact that the splinter was in her foot for two or three days, when it became painful. Blood poison set in and lockjaw developed, which caused her death.

WORK OF LIGHTNING.

Horse Paralyzed and Several Valuable Cows Killed.

Bellevue, Aug. 9.—A horse belonging to Ira Slemming of Brookfield, which was out to pasture, was paralyzed by the lightning yesterday afternoon. Hiram Edson, a Roylston farmer, lost six cows and one sheep by the same force. Mr. Edson had recently been offered \$50 each for the cows, and it now seems that he didn't sell. Four years ago Mr. Edson had a barn struck by lightning.

WILL RECOVER.

George W. Kelley of Burlington, Who Was Shot.

Burlington, Aug. 9.—George W. Kelley, who was shot on North avenue Monday night, was reported to be in a comfortable condition at the M. Mary Fletcher hospital last evening. The scalp wounds which he received are not serious and his speedy recovery is expected.

OLDFIELD IN ACCIDENT.

Collision With Another Automobile During a Race.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 9.—Barney Oldfield had an almost miraculous escape from death yesterday at the automobile races at Grosse Pointe track, when Dan Wurgis of Lansing, Mich., collided with his car in the three-quarter stretch during the first of the five-mile open event. Oldfield and his car went through the fence into the infield. Oldfield receiving a badly lacerated scalp and a severely bruised right arm. Wurgis's car also went off the track, on the outside but did not capsize and neither car nor driver was injured.

Oldfield lay unconscious in the infield when a dozen horrified spectators reached his side. He was carried to an ambulance and taken to Harper hospital where it was said last night that he would be out in a few days.

Great System.

Another trolley magnate took a visiting traction official from a distant city for a street car ride to a pleasure park.

"We have one of the greatest systems in the world," he said, as they got aboard.

There were forty passengers seated and sixty standing. More got on, until the car held 210 persons. When all the standing room was exhausted the people stood on one another's feet.

"You see how great our system is," the trolley magnate said. "We carry more passengers in one car than any other company on earth."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the visitor, lost in admiration.—Newark News.

EXTEND CALL FOR PASTOR

Presbyterians Ask Rev. Henry A. Davenport, D.D.

OF BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

He Has Been Pastor of a Bridgeport Church For About 32 Years. It Was His First Charge.

At a largely attended meeting of the parish of the Presbyterian church last evening a unanimous vote was taken to extend a call to the Rev. Henry A. Davenport, D. D., of Bridgeport, Conn., to become pastor of this church. Rev. Mr. Davenport while away from home on his vacation preached at the church here last Sunday and he was so well liked that he was approached by members of the church in regard to considering a call if one was tendered him. It is understood that he will give it consideration.

Mr. Davenport has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Bridgeport for about 32 years, going there directly after graduating from the Union Theological seminary in New York city. While at school there he became acquainted with the Rev. E. W. Cummings of this city. He graduated in the class of '73. He is married and has several children. His church at Bridgeport is a large one, having over 500 members.

CLERK'S HOLIDAY TODAY.

Mercantile Business at a Standstill, Excursion to Missisquoi Park.

Today is the annual holiday of the local Retail Clerks' association and the clerks left this morning at 7:10 o'clock on their excursion to Missisquoi park. Main street presented a holiday appearance, every store, with the exception of the drug stores, being closed all day. The crowd of excursionists was the largest that the clerks have ever had. There were 419 full fares and 103 halves sold, making a total of 522. The train had six cars out of this city and more were taken out at Montpelier.

The party was due to arrive at the park at 9:30, and will leave at 5 o'clock this evening. Gilbertson's orchestra furnished music for dancing in the pavilion at the park, and a base ball game between the married and single men helped to keep the crowd entertained.

DAMAGE BY WATER.

Moore & Owens Are Losers Through Others Carelessness.

By the water being left running in the Company E club rooms in the Miles' block last night probably \$2,000 worth of suits, trousers and underwear in the store of Moore & Owens was more or less damaged. The water was left running and the trap under the sink leaked letting the water onto the club room floor and then through into the store. The goods, though not spoiled, will be depreciated in value to a considerable extent.

FAVOR CLOSING BUSINESS.

Directors of Connecticut Realty and Loan Company.

Gen. J. H. Lucia, of Montpelier, returned yesterday from Hartford, Conn., where he went in the interests of local shareholders in the Connecticut Realty and Loan company. The directors are in favor of paying back to stockholders the money they have paid in, less cost of insurance and winding up the business of the company. The plan will not go into effect until 83 per cent. of the stockholders agree to it. Pending this, the appointment of a receiver for the company went over until August 31.

SUMMERS-PARKHURST.

Quiet Wedding at Home of Rev. Kenzie Last Evening.

Miss Carrie Ella Parkhurst and John William Summers were united in marriage last evening at eight o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. A. Kenzie, at his residence. The couple were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Summers will reside on Franklin street. The groom is employed as a stonecutter.

BARRE MAN MARRIED.

Alexander Henderson Takes Mary Robertson as Bride.

Alexander Henderson of this city was married Monday at Cambridge, Mass., to Miss Mary Robertson of Aberdeen, Scotland, by Rev. Ashton Anderson, of Cambridge.

Coal Heavers on Strike.

Burlington, Aug. 9.—The coal heavers or men who are employed to unload barges of coal at the local docks recently went out on a strike and as a consequence are now lying idle, while other men are working in their places. The strike proper was confined to the coal yards of the E. S. Asdit Coal Co. and Gay & Henderson, many workers in the other yards being sympathizers. The employees in the above mentioned yards left work a week ago because the management refused to give them 10 cents a ton for unloading coal from the boats. The coal companies promptly employed new men and work was not interrupted. The strikers say they asked 10 cents a ton for unloading and that the companies they had received from 7 to 8 cents for the same work.